

Add the following new claims 7-10.

--7. Manganese dioxide having a sodium content of 0.05 to 0.2% by weight produced by the process of claim 3.

--8. Manganese dioxide having a sodium content of 0.05 to 0.2% by weight and a phosphorus content of 0.05 to 2.0% by weight produced by the process of claim 4.

--9. A lithium primary battery comprising the manganese dioxide according to claim 7 as a cathode active material.

--10. A lithium primary battery comprising the manganese dioxide according to claim 8 as a cathode active material.--

REMARKS

The application has been amended so as to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 1-10 are present in the application.

Claim 3 has been amended.

New claims 7-10 have been added.

Claims 1 and 5 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by CAPPARELLA et al. 5,698,176. Claim 3 was rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by